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PARIS PLEASE PASS TO AMBASSADOR GERARD SMITH

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MNUC, SF
SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE ON VISIT OF GERARD SMITH

1. QUINTON PEEL, LOCAL CORRESPONDENT FOR LONDON'S "FINANCIAL TIMES" TOLD EMBASSY PRETORIA TODAY THAT HE HAD WORD FROM THE PAPER'S SCIENCE EDITOR, DAVID FISHLOCK, THAT GERARD SMITH WAS EITHER IN SOUTH AFRICA OR COMING SOON. ASKED HOW PEEL MIGHT CONTACT SMITH, EMBOFF SAID HE HAD NO INFORMATION ON POSSIBLE VISIT.

2. IF WORD OF SMITH'S PLANS TO VISIT SA HAS SOMEHOW LEAKED IN LONDON, IT WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY NOT ESCAPE PUBLIC ATTENTION HERE. WE SHOULD THEREFORE BE PREPARED WITH MINIMAL PRESS GUIDANCE FOR USE AS AND WHEN APPROPRIATE. UNLESS THE DEPARTMENT THINKS WE SHOULD MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE VISIT THAT WOULD BE COORDINATED IN ADVANCE WITH
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THE SAG, WE WOULD PROPOSE NOT TO PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION ON THE EXACTTIMING OR EXPECTED DURATION OF THE VISIT BUT TO USE THE FOLLOWING TO CONFIRM TO PRESS INQUIRIES THAT THE VISIT IS TAKING PLACE: "AS INDICATED IN PREVIOUS PUBLIC STATEMENTS, WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTERNATIONAL CONCERN IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD. THE VISIT TO PRETORIA

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OF AMBASSADOR SMITH REPRESENTS A STAGE IN A SERIES OF CONTACTS
WE HAVE HAD IN THIS REGARD. WE HAVE NO FURTHER INFORMATION
TO ADD AT THIS TIME."

3. DEPT PLEASE ADVISE.
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